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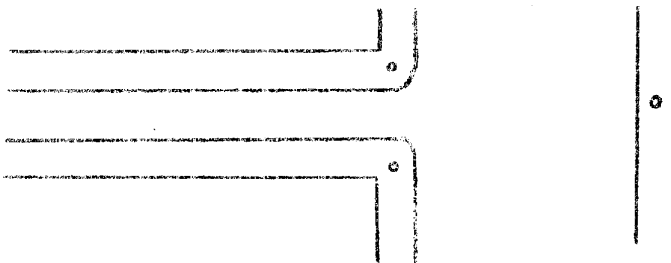
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1. During the summer of 1949 throughout the cities of Braila and Galati, rods generally of iron and steel and occasionally of other metals, have been sunk in the pavement at street intersections. These rods are from 30 to 35 centimeters long, three to four centimeters in circumference, and from one-half to three-quarters of a centimeter in diameter.
2. The rods are placed midway between the building line and the curb at all intersections, turning points, and bends in the road. Where one street ends in a second street which is perpendicular to the first, a rod is placed in the sidewalk midway between the building line and the curb of the perpendicular street, in the center of the first street, as illustrated:



3. The sidewalks in which the rods are sunk are almost always hard surfaced, usually of asphalt or large stone slabs. On the outskirts of Braila, however, the rods were sunk in earthen sidewalks. When the rods were first sunk in 1949 white squares or circles, 10 to 12 inches square or in diameter were painted around them. Concrete was later poured into the area enclosed by the circle or square. These rods were sunk by Rumanian civilian workers under the direction of the Comitetul Provisoriu Crașoveni (Provisional Town Soviet). In Braila, the job was accomplished in a month.

25X1 Comment: These rods are probably artillery reference points.

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